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For : DEVICE FOR CONNECTING BUILDING BOARDS, ESPECIALLY FLOOR  
PANELS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A listing of claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2478.